

### **REMARKS**

Claims 24 through 61 are pending in the application. Claims 1 through 23 have been canceled. Claims 38 through 40, 42 and 61 have been amended. Bases for the amendments can be found throughout the application, claims and drawings as originally filed and as such, no new matter has been presented. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Applicant notes that Claims 58 through 61 were filed in Applicant's previous response, but that Claim 61 had inadvertently been numbered "Claim 57". Accordingly, Applicant is not presenting additional claims for consideration in this response.

### **DOUBLE PATENTING**

Claims 24 through 37 and Claims 38 through 57 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,708,744. Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer and as such, respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 38 through 61 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly

claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully rendered moot.

Applicant has amended Claim 38 to positively recite the critical interrelationship between the base, the carriage assembly, the threaded structures and the guide posts. Applicant has amended Claim 39 to substitute "carriage assembly" for the term "carriage elevation mechanism", as well as to insert the word "said" between the words "rotating" and "other" in line 3. Applicant has amended Claim 40 to remove the portion of this claim that the Examiner noted as being confusing - the deleted portion of the claim is inherent in the remaining portion of the claim and as such, the amendment does not change its scope. Claim 42 has been amended to recite the interrelationship between the input gears and the remainder of the claimed structure. Claim 44 has been amended to recite the interrelationship between the first and second axles and the remainder of the claimed structure.

Applicant respectfully submits that no amendment to Claims 45 and 46 is necessary in view of the amendment to Claim 44.

In view of the above-amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 38 through 61 are in condition for allowance.


#### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding

rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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